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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 53(f) and Rule 54, please find enclosed a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for the application of Mark B. Roller et al. entitled BIOABSORBABLE COATINGS OF SURGICAL DEVICES attorney Docket No. MIT-264, to complete, pursuant to Rule 51, this application filed on December 20, 2001 by Express Mail pursuant to Rule 10. As required, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is also attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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